GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:617
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2015
ONLINE CERTIFICATION OF FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government/Central Board of Film Certification(CBFC) proposes to allow online certification of films and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(b) Whether the Government has any plan to make big changes with regard to check the surrogate advertising of products in films;

(c) If so, the details thereof along with the time by which such decision is likely to be implemented;

(d) Whether the Government has any plan to promote establishment of Film Development Corporation in each State and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) The other steps taken/being taken by the Gove- rnment to enhance the scope of interaction between the film industry and the Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFARIS; AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITELY):

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.617 FOR REPLY ON 08.05.2015

(a): Yes Madam. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) propose to make the certification process fully online. Presently CBFC is adopting partial online certification process. CBFC implements a Plan component under a 12th Plan Scheme with a view to upgrade/modernize its infrastructure as well as making certification process online. On completion of the Scheme, the complete end to end process from application to issue of certificate will be online. Online Certification process would ensure a user friendly as well as transparent at- mosphere. Online process would also ensure effe- ctive monitoring and timely delivery of services.

(b) & (c): CBFC certifies films for Public Exhi- bition and Advertisements for screening in cinema in accordance with Cinematograph Act,1952, Cinema- tograph(Certification)Rules,1983 and guidelines issued thereunder. Guidelines issued under Section 5 B of the Cinematograph Act lays down the following for certification of films by CBFC among other things:-

(i) Scenes which have the effect of justifying or glorifying drinking are not shown.

(ii) Scenes tending to encourage, justify or glamorize consumption of tobacco or smoking are not shown.

(iii) Scenes tending to encourage, justify or glamorize drug addiction are not shown.

(d): No Madam.

(e): Periodical interactions with representatives of Film Industry are held at different levels from time to time.